(*ii*) Whenever any posts relating to these Local Bodies and Municipalities are advertised individually, the Ex-Servicemen may apply through the Employment Exchange and while selections are made by the Commission, they will be shown preference, subject to other things being equal. In the case of vacancies or posts for which selections are made by the Unit Officers, they will show preference to Ex-Servicemen;

(*iii*) The period of service rendered by them in the Mysore State Forces will be deducted from their age.

4. All vacancies arising in Local Bodies and Municipalities will be reported to the Secretary, Public Service Commission, by the respective Unit Officers.

5. The Employment Exchange will advise Ex-Servicemen to apply for appointments in these offices in response to the advertisement by the Public Service Commission.

A. S. KHALEEL,
Secretary to Government,
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Records the Administration Report of the Stores Purchase Committee for the year 1951-52.

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Letter No. S.P.C. 24721, dated 9th September 1952, from the Secretary, Stores Purchase Committee, Bangalore, forwarding the Annual Report of work done by the Stores Purchase Committee during the year 1951-52.

ORDER NO. S.R. 4145-4221—S.P.C. 5-52-4, DATED BANGALORE, THE 22ND OCTOBER 1952.

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2. The total value of purchase of all kinds arranged by the Stores Purchase Committee, both from Firms in India and Foreign countries during the year under report, was Rs. 2,25,11,596 as against Rs. 1,86,74,778 in 1950-51. The increase in the value of purchases is partly due to the increased indents from Departments like the Electrical Department, Government Electric Factory, Soap Factory, Government Silk Factory and Public Works Department, etc.

3. Messrs. Best & Co., Ltd., Madras, continued as clearing and forwarding Agents of Mysore, during the year. Their services were uniformly satisfactory. The Trade Agent's Office in London continued to render assistance to the Stores Purchase Committee as usual.

4. The total tonnage of consignments, imported and exported, during the year was 8,140 tons and the total cost incurred was Rs. 27,71,278 including customs duty, landing charges, harbour dues, commission and other incidental charges for the transport of the consignments to their respective destinations. A sum of Rs. 1,23,693 was recovered from the Customs Authorities as refund of excess customs duty, transit dues, etc. The sale proceeds of the tender forms sold during the year amounted to Rs. 19,206 as against Rs. 13,106 during the previous year.

5. The total expenditure of the Stores Purchase Committee, including the contribution of Rs. 4,000 paid towards the Trade Agent's Office in London and the salaries and establishment and contingent charges of the office of the Committee, amounted to Rs. 54,691 which worked out to ·21 per cent of the value of stores, as against ·28 per cent during the previous year.

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